

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks below. Claims 1-3, 22-24, 27, 29-31, 33, 34, and 36 have been amended. Claims 1-10 and 22-36 remain pending in the application, of which claims 1, 22, and 36 are independent. In compliance with the requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, a listing of the claims with their proper status identifier is provided. This paper has been submitted to address an informality in the response filed on July 1, 2005. The Applicants respectfully assert that having addressed the informality herein, the claims are allowable for at least the reasons set out in that response.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance, which is believed to be in order. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, or the application in general, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 703-456-8567.

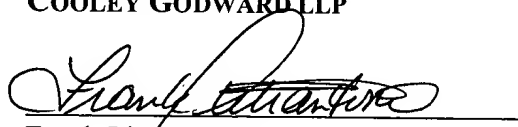
Although it is believed that no fees are required for this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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